

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I will take the committee amendments. LB 170 is a bill that was given to the Revenue Committee by the Nebraska Department of Revenue and the Revenue Committee agreed that this is a bill that the committee would sponsor, however, we felt that we had more bills than our eight bill limit so as a result individual members just plain agreed they would carry bills. That is why I am carrying LB 170. Now the committee amendment to LB 170 is extremely simple. What LB 170 does is it allows the Nebraska Department of Revenue to place for collection delinquent taxes owed by nonresidents or by people who aren't domiciled in this state in the hands of collection agencies. In other words, we can just be like a doctor or a lawyer or a merchant that sends his or her overdue accounts to a collection agency for collection purposes. Well that is what the State of Nebraska is going to do with LB 170 except the only persons that will be affected are nonresident taxpayers and only after procedure is followed can this money go to collection agencies or can the accounts go to collection agencies. What the committee amendments do is very simple. When we wrote the bill initially we used the word "collection and credit agency" because we didn't seem to know the difference between a collection agency and a credit agency. Well at our committee hearings we were informed of the difference pretty darn quick and we took the words "and credit" out of the expression "collection and credit agencies". A credit agency is essentially an organization that gathers credit information about individuals and provides that to lenders. A collection agency is a traditional bill collector. In any event, all the committee amendments do is to clarify the definition of the agency to which the delinquent tax could be assigned for collection purposes and at this time I would move the amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 170. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Johnson, what do you want to do with the bill?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I would like to move the bill, Mr. Speaker, but I first would like to speak to the bill if I might.